Temenglong District is sanctioned. However, the construction work is not yet started. In case of JNV in East Imphal district, land has been transferred recently and the construction of building will be sanctioned shortly.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in North Eastern Region

634. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country;

(b) the number of schools located in the North Eastern States;

(c) wheter Government are aware of the need of more Kendriya Vidyalayas in the Region; and

(d) if so, what efforts would be made to establish more Kendriya Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) There are 923 Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country as on date.

(b) 87 Kendriya Vidyalayas are located in the North Eastern States.

(c) and (d) Where ever a need for opening new Kendriya Vidyalayas is felt, new ones are opened as per the norms.

Foreign Universities and Institutes

635. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of foreign universities/institutes are advertising in various newspapers/magazines for enrolment of the Indian students for various study programmes abroad for hefty fees;

(b) if so, whether Government have ascertained genuineness and merit of these universities and institutes and the courses of study offered by them for their standard and recognition, both within their country and outside, including India.

(c) if so, the details in this regard, indicating the verified universities/ institutes; and

(d) whether Government propose to caution students against fake and unrecognised foreign universities/institutes through the media?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) According to the information compiled by the Association of Indian Universities sometime back, on the basis of advertisements appearing in the Indian newspapers, 144 foreign universities/colleges/institutions are offering various courses of study to the Indian students. Out of them 117 offer programmes on their home campuses and the remaining 27 are conducting programmes in India through their Indian partners. Though the Government has not received any specific complaint about fake foreign universities/educational institutions enrolling Indian students, with a view of averting such an eventuality Indian Missions in major foreign countries such as United States of America, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and New Zealand were asked to check on the antecedents and credibility of educational institutions from these countries. The feed back received from the Missions has revealed that some of these institutions are not approved/accredited by the relevant agencies in their home countries and the Ministry has since approached Ministry of External Affairs before taking up the matter with the Missions of the relevant foreign countries in India. The Government has also asked the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) to conduct a detailed survey on operation of foreign educational institutions in the country covering various aspects including their accreditation in their own countries and the twinning arrangements with local institutions. All India Council for Technical Education has also notified the "AICTE Regulations for Entry and Operation of Foreign Universities in India imparting technical education, 2003"; according to which no foreign university/institution shall establish/operate its educational activity in India leading to award of diploma/degree including post graduate and doctoral qualifications without the express permission/ approval of the Council.